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1. SUMMARY: BORDABERRY'S EFFORT TO APPOINT A NEW COUNCIL OF STATE IS PROVING A COMPLICATED POLITICAL TASK. PRESIDENT HAS ASSURED POLITICIANS THAT, WITH EXCEPTIONS OF EX- SENATOR ERRO, NO OTHER EX- LEGISLATORS WILL BE ARRESTED. END SUMMARY

2. ACCORDING TO WELL- INFORMED EMBASSY SOURCE, VICE PRESIDENT SAPELLI MET WITH SENATORS FROM THE RE- ELECTIONIST FACTION (SUPPORTERS OF EX- PRESIDENT PACHECO) OF THE COLORADO PARTY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (JUNE 27) TO DISCUSS COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL OF STATE. THE COUNCIL, WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE TO REPLACE DISSOLVED CONGRESS, WILL BE MADE UP TO TWELVE CIVILIANS. SAPELLI TOLD GROUP THAT PRESIDENT BORDABERRY HAD ASKED HIM EARLIER THAT AFTERNOON TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL. SAPELLI, HOWEVER, STATED THAT HE WAS UNDECIDED AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD ACCEPT
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THIS POST, GIVEN HIS OWN RELUCTANCE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACT IN DISSOLVING THE CONGRESS.

3. AFTER PROLONGED DISCUSSION, RE-ELECTIONIST SENATORS CONCLUDED THAT, WHATEVER THE THREAT OF BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTION IT WOULD BE BETTER AT THIS TIME TO SUPPORT BORDABERRY AND ACCEPT APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL OF STATE. THE ALTERNATIVE, IN THEIR OPINION, WOULD BE A MILITARY GOVERNMENT WITH EVEN LESS CIVILIAN POLITICAL INFLUENCE. SAPELLI APPARENTLY AGREED WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE GROUP AND, AT THE END OF THE MEETING, APPEARED PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NEW COUNCIL OF STATE.

4. SAPELLI ALSO TOLD GROUP OF SENATORS THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY PRESIDENT BORDABERRY THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FORMER "FRENTE AMPLIO" SENATOR ENRIQUE ERRO, NO OTHER POLITICIANS WOULD BE ARRESTED. PRESIDENTIAL GUARANTEE INCLUDED, ACCORDING TO SAPELLI, FORMER SENATORS AMILCAR VASCONCELLOS AND JAIME MONTANER, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE APPEARED ON LIST AS POSSIBLE DETAINEES. SOURCE NOTED THAT MONTANER WAS AT THE MEETING WITH SAPELLI AND DID NOT APPEAR IN ANY WAY CONCERNED WITH HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY.

5. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, PRESIDENT BORDABERRY ALSO SENT AN EMISSARY TO BUENOS AIRES YESTERDAY TO PLACE A "SECURE" TELEPHONE CALL TO EX-PRESIDENT PACHECO IN MADRID. EMISSARY ADVISED PACHECO OF THE ACTIONS THAT BORDABERRY HAD TAKEN AND ASKED FOR PACHECO'S SUPPORT. PACHECO ASKED FOR TWO HOURS TO THINK ABOUT HIS ANSWER. WHEN PACHECO CALLED THE EMISSARY BACK, IT WAS TO SAY THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT BORDABERRY, BUT ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE WOULD BE CLEARLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RE-ELECTIONIST FACTION. EX-SENATOR RAUMAR JUDE, A CLOSE PACHECO ASSOCIATE, ALSO TALKED TO PACHECO YESTERDAY EVENING. JUDE IS FLYING TO BUENOS AIRES THIS AFTERNOON IN ORDER TO PLACE HIS OWN "SECURE" TELEPHONE CALL TO THE EX-PRESIDENT AT WHICH TIME HE ALLEGES THAT HE WILL RECEIVE A LIST OF PACHECO'S DESIGNATES TO THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

6. SOURCE NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO RE-ELECTIONIST FACTION, THE PRESIDENT IS SEEKING PARTICIPATION OF VARIOUS BLANCO PARTY

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POLITICAL GROUPS AND NON-POLITICIANS ON COUNCIL OF STATE, INCLUDING BLANCO FACTION LED BY EX-SENATOR MARTIN ECHEGOYEN. PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE HAVING TROUBLE IN OBTAINING PARTICIPATION OF A NUMBER OF LEADING CIVILIAN PERSONALITIES (AN EXAMPLE, DISTINGUISHED JURIST JUSTINO JIMENEZ DE ARECYQUULPW BECAUSE OF THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTIONS. COLORADO PARTY LIST 15

ALSO REFUSED TO JOIN THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND THE REMAINING LIST 15 SUPPORTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING COUNCIL OF EDUCATION (CONAE) DIRECTOR LTIRES LANZA HAVE RESIGNED FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTAL POSTS.

7. COMMENT: SOURCES' COMMENTS INDICATE THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR FILLING COUNCIL OF STATE ARE PROVING TO BE A DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED POLITICAL TASK. THE RE- ELECTIONISTS' HOPES THAT THEY MAY OBTAIN A MAJORITY ON THE COUNCIL MAY, HOWEVER, BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC. IN THIS RESPECT, IT IS TO BE RECALLED THAT BORDABERRY SNUBBED THE RE- ELECTIONISTS A MONTH AGO IN HIS APPOINTMENTS TO THE UNANOMOUS STATE AGENCIES, AND MANY IN THIS FACTION ARE LIKELY TO PROVE UNACCEPTABLE TO MILITARY COMMANDERS.
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